

REMARKS

Claims 1, 20, 39 and 58-60 have been cancelled. Claims 2-6, 8-10, 16, 17, 21-25, 27-29, 35, 36, 40-44, 46-48, 54 and 55 have been amended. Claims 2-19, 21-38, 40-57 and 61-63 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Applicants respectfully traverse all rejections stated by the Examiner. However, in order to expedite prosecution, independent claims 1, 20, 39 and 58-60 have been cancelled and the corresponding dependent claims have been amended to depend from allowed claims 61-63, respectively. Accordingly, the application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-48400/RCK.

Respectfully submitted,

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